

In Loving Memory of
Constance Pitts-Speed

1931 - 1996



Wednesday, December 11, 1996
11:00 A.M.

True Love Missionary Baptist Church

584 South 20th Street
Newark, New Jersey

REV. EDDIE ROBINSON, Pastor
REV. T.H. RANKIN, JR., Presiding
Pastor, Cathedral of Faith Baptist Church

The Obituary

CONSTANCE PITTS-SPEED was born on November 1, 1931 to the late Rev. Dr. William Howard Pitts and Mrs. Dorothy Moses Pitts. She was called to eternal rest on December 5, 1996.

She completed her elementary and high school education, and furthered her education, attending Essex County Community College. She was only a few credits shy of receiving an Associate's degree.

At the early age of seven, "**Connie**," as she was affectionately called, joined True Love Baptist Church, where her father was pastor. It wasn't long before **CONNIE** and her sisters realized their God-given musical talents, and "The Pitts Sisters" soon became one of Newark's renowned gospel singing groups. They traveled throughout the United States lifting up the name of Jesus, wherever they went.

CONNIE remained faithful to True Love, where she served as Minister of Music. Her ministry also included serving at other churches -- one of which was First Baptist Church of Nutley, under the pastorate of Rev. Lawrence Roberts. **CONNIE** was also a musician at the Perry Funeral Home in Newark, New Jersey.

Although **CONNIE**'s first love was gospel music, her abilities reached the ears of the Jazz and Pop communities, and they embraced her easy and her smooth style with open arms.

She leaves to mourn her passing two grandchildren, Taurian Dia Pitts-Speed and Kyla Nedricka Speed (both formerly of Newark, NJ); a sister, Evang. Eloise Pitts (East Orange, NJ); a great-grandson, Javan Lameach Benson; two uncles, Dea. Warren Pitts (Maplewood, NJ) and William Turner (Newark, NJ); two aunts, Mamie Pitts (Maplewood, NJ) and Katherine Pitts-Fleming (East Orange, NJ); two nieces, Pamela Pitts (East Orange, NJ) and Tanya McDaniel (Union, NJ); a nephew, William McDaniel, Jr. (East Orange, NJ); two great-nieces, Casie Whitaker and Shanaid McDaniel (both of East Orange, NJ); a great-nephew, Shawn McDaniel; and a host of cousins and friends.

Order of Service

PROCESSIONAL

CONGREGATIONAL HYMN

SCRIPTURE READING

Old Testament

New Testament

PRAYER OF COMFORT

MUSICAL SELECTION.....Sis. Louise Gordon-Champion
Pleasant Grove Baptist Church

REMARKS *(Two Minute Please)*

RESOLUTION.....Perry Funeral Home

MUSICAL SELECTION.....Sis. Yvette W. Glover
Newark Bible Fellowship Church

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS AND

OBITUARY.....Kylah Nedricka Speed (Granddaughter)

MUSICAL SELECTION.....Evang. Eloise Pitts
True Love Baptist Church

EULOGY.....Rev. T.H. Rankin, Jr.
Cathedral of Faith Baptist Church

VIEWING

RECESSIONAL

INTERMENT

Fairmount Cemetery
Newark, New Jersey



*The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:
He leadeth me beside the still waters.
He restoreth my soul: He leadeth me in
The paths of righteousness for His name's sake.*

*Yea, though I walk through the valley of
The shadow of death, I will fear no evil:
For thou art with me;
Thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.*

*Thou preparest a table before me
In the presence of mine enemies:
Thou annointest my head with oil;
My cup runneth over.*

*Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
All the days of my life; and I will dwell
In the house of the Lord forever.*

Acknowledgement

*The family of Constance Pitts-Speed acknowledges with
deep appreciation all acts of kindness extended
to them during this bereavement hour. God bless
you all for your thoughtfulness and concern.*

Professional Services by
Perry Funeral Home

34 Mercer Street
Newark, New Jersey

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